GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:30
ANSWERED ON:19.02.2003
STEPS TO COMBAT E CRIME
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the attention of the Union Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `To Crackdown on e-crime, Government plans cyberpatrol` appearing in the `Indian Express` dated January 31, 2003;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the Government are finding it difficult to curb the nuisance of cyber cynics and their damaging activities; and

(e) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (ARUN SHOURIE)

(a),(b),(c),(d) and (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.30 FOR 19.02.2003 REGARDING STEPS TO COMBAT E-CRIME.

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b),(c),(d) and (e): Initiatives taken by the Government to address these issues in a larger perspective include constitution of five Inter-Ministerial Working Groups on IT Security and Settingup of Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-IN) andan Information Security Technology Development Council (ISTDC).The Government is gearing up to face all the potential threats and challenges.